



Endangered and Threatened Species and Critical Habitats
under the Jurisdiction of the NOAA Fisheries



Florida-Atlantic

Listed Species	Scientific Name	Status	Date Listed
Marine Mammals			
blue whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
finback whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
humpback whale	<i>Megaptera novaengliae</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
right whale	<i>Eubalaena glacialis</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
sei whale	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
sperm whale	<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
Turtles			
green sea turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	Threatened ¹	07/28/78
hawksbill sea turtle	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	Endangered	06/02/70
Kemp's ridley sea turtle	<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
leatherback sea turtle	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	Endangered	06/02/70
loggerhead sea turtle	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	Threatened	07/28/78
olive ridley	<i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>	Threatened	07/28/78
Fish			
shortnose sturgeon	<i>Acipenser brevirostrum</i>	Endangered	03/11/67
smalltooth sawfish	<i>Pristis pectinata</i>	Endangered	04/01/03
Seagrasses			
Johnson's seagrass	<i>Halophila johnsonii</i>	Threatened	09/14/98

Designated Critical Habitat

Right whale: Between 31°15'N (approximately the mouth of the Altamaha River, Georgia) and 30°15'N (approximately Jacksonville, Florida) from the coast out to 15 nautical miles offshore; the coastal waters between 30°15'N and 28°00'N (approximately Sebastian Inlet, Florida) from the coast out to 5 nautical miles.

Johnson's seagrass: A final rule designating Johnson's seagrass critical habitat was published on April 5, 2000 (65 FR 17786) and 10 geographic areas (units) within the range of the species were identified along the east coast of Florida.

Species Proposed for Listing
None

Proposed Critical Habitat
None

¹ Green turtles are listed as threatened, except for breeding populations of green turtles in Florida and on the Pacific Coast of Mexico, which are listed as endangered



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Candidate Species ²	Scientific Name
Invertebrates	
elkhorn coral	<i>Acropora palmata</i>
staghorn coral	<i>Acropora cervicornis</i>
fused-staghorn coral	<i>Acropora prolifera</i>

Species of Concern ³	Scientific Name
Fish	
Atlantic sturgeon	<i>Acipenser oxyrhynchus oxyrhynchus</i>
dusky shark	<i>Carcharhinus obscurus</i>
goliath grouper	<i>Epinephelus itajara</i>
key silverside	<i>Menidia menidia</i>
largetooth sawfish	<i>Pristis pristis</i>
mangrove rivulus	<i>Rivulus marmoratus</i>
Nassau grouper	<i>Epinephelus striatus</i>
night shark	<i>Carcharhinus signatus</i>
opossum pipefish	<i>Microphis brachyurus lineatus</i>
saltmarsh topminnow	<i>Fundulus jenkinsi</i>
sand tiger shark	<i>Odontaspis taurus</i>
speckled hind	<i>Epinephelus drummondhayi</i>
striped croaker	<i>Bairdiella sanctaeluciae</i>
Warsaw grouper	<i>Epinephelus nigritus</i>
white marlin	<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>
Invertebrates	
ivory bush coral	<i>Oculina varicosa</i>

² The Candidate Species List has been renamed the Species of Concern List. The term "candidate species" is limited to species that are the subject of a petition to list and for which NOAA Fisheries has determined that listing may be warranted (69 FR 19975).

³ Species of Concern are not protected under the Endangered Species Act, but concerns about their status indicate that they may warrant listing in the future. Federal agencies and the public are encouraged to consider these species during project planning so that future listings may be avoided.